

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY,
TEXAS, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met on the 16th day of February 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00P.M.

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Riley called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that all the members of Council were present: Garcia, Dean, and Nelson. Mayor Riley announced that Councilmember Baldrige and Councilman Reyna had excused absences.

City Manager Lambert, City Secretary Feutz, Public Works Director Vick, Fire Chief Irwin, Community Development Director Flores, Human Resources Officer/Assistant City Secretary Caldera, Grant Writer Consultant Word, and Assistant City Attorney Onion were also present.

Mayor Riley asked Councilmember Nelson to lead the assembled group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of 30-year service award to Lt. Victor Reyes, L.V.P.D.

Mayor Riley presented a 30-year service award to Police Lieutenant Victor Reyes. She applauded his work for the City, his loyalty and his service. Lt. Reyes thanked the City for their support.

Presentation of 25-year service award to Detective Jimmie D. Wells, L.V.P.D.

Mayor Riley presented a 25-year service award to Police Detective Jimmie Wells. Mayor Riley thanked Detective Wells for his service and Detective Wells thanked the Council and the City for their support.

Presentation of Employee of the Month Award (Lambert)

City Manager Lambert announced the February 2010 Employee of the Month award as Utility Billing Clerk, Yvonne Acuna, in the Finance Department. He announced that Ms. Acuna had already committed to some volunteer work with the Rodeo and could not attend tonight's meeting, but thanked her for her service to the City. He commended her work with getting the on-line utility payment process set up and for her work to set up the paperless billing for the City's water system. Mr. Lambert announced that Mayor Riley and he would present Ms. Acuna's award later in the week in the office.

Presentation of annual status report by the Earthwise Living Committee (Woodworth/Siat).

Earthwise Living Committee Chairman, Byron Woodworth, addressed Council presenting information on the Committee's work over the last twelve months. Mr. Woodworth explained that the mission of this committee was to develop a sustainable way of life, by example, in the areas of household waste management, waste conservation, energy conservation, native plant gardening, wildlife preservation, organic community gardening, air quality, alternative energy sources, alternate modes of transportation, nutrition, and general environmental education. He

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explained the community outreach program with conservation lectures, input to the SDAT, partnership with HEB to encourage the use of canvas and/or recycled material bags, the upcoming 21st Annual Leon Valley Earthwise Living Day on February 27, 2010, and Texas Recycles Day, Monday, November 15, 2010.

Presentation by the Texas Forest Service Representative on Oak Wilt Prevention (Paul Johnson/Flores).

Community Development Director Flores introduced Paul Johnson, Regional Urban Forester with the Texas Forest Service, who has been helping the Tree Advisory Board look at oak wilt prevention for Leon Valley.

Mr. Johnson presented information on oak wilt disease, a disease caused by a fungus infecting trees in more than 60 counties in central and west Texas. He reported that red oaks are very susceptible to the disease and live oaks can be seriously affected due to their root systems. Mr. Johnson explained how the disease is spread through sap feeding beetles who pick up spores from infected red oaks and carry them to fresh cut wounds on other oaks or spread underground in live oak trees through root systems. He explained the disease process and how prevention is the primary way to stop oak wilt disease. Mr. Johnson explained that the three main ways to control oak wilt disease is to plant trees that are resistant or immune to oak wilt, create diversity in the landscape by planting a variety of trees, bushes and shrubs, and to avoid wounding oaks during planting.

Councilmembers asked questions about the committee's use of grant funding received in 2009 and asked that in future annual reports, that committees provide an accounting of their revenues and expenses. They also thanked Chairman Woodworth for his work and that of the committee over the years.

Citizens to be heard and time for objections to the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Riley asked Councilmembers if they wished for anything on the Consent Agenda to be removed for further discussion. Hearing no objections, Mayor Riley asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for the "Citizens to be Heard" portion of the meeting.

Seeing no one to come forward for the "Citizens to be heard" portion of the meeting, Mayor Riley asked for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent Agenda

Consider action to approve minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 2, 2010 (Feutz).

Consider action on M&C # 02-05-10 with attached ordinance - a request to approve a budget adjustment to the General Fund for Earthwise Living Day event expenses (Vick).

A motion was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilman Garcia, to approve the Consent Agenda items as listed above. Upon unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

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Action Agenda

**Discussion on VIA's long range transportation plan that will provide the VIA Citizens
Advisory Committee Working Group input from the City of Leon Valley (Al Uvietta).**

Mayor Riley introduced Mr. Uvietta, who had been nominated by Representative Castro to serve on VIA's Citizens' Advisory Committee's Working Group who had requested to bring information to the Council and to ask for their input.

Resident Al Uvietta addressed Council explaining that he has attended all of the area meeting that VIA has held to receive citizen input on their long range planning. He reported that the NW corridor is not considered the primary corridor for development of rapid bus service, multi-model mass transit service. He asked Council for their input on their vision to bring back to VIA not only for S.H. 16 corridor but for the overall system.

Mayor Riley stated that she felt that the City's previous resolutions in support of the Bus Rapid Transit program and their resolution in support of VIA programs addressed Leon Valley's goals together with the SDAT program that Leon Valley held in 2008. The Mayor reported on stimulus funding VIA is requesting for BRT and for streetcar programs and emphasized the need for BRT on Bandera Road.

Councilmembers presented their suggestions for VIA to consider such as: bringing BRT from downtown out Bandera Road through Leon Valley, sharing terminals with BRT and connector local bus stops, allowing covered bus stops along S.H. 16 and along Wurzbach Roads, considering longer runtime for connections from the City to the medical center to accommodate late shifts of medical personnel, considering educational institutions in the northwest area to connect better for students, and improving connections so that young professionals for the medical center can use the VIA system in our area. All councilmembers agreed that improvements in mass transit will improve congestion on local roadways in the northwest corridor.

Discussion Agenda

Discussion and update on grant programs (K. Word).

Grant writer consultant Word addressed Council providing an update on the grants submitted this past year based upon the targeted issues of energy efficiency, Bandera Road beautification, and ARRA funding. She reported that the total dollars requested was: \$3,415,410. Ms. Word highlighted the weatherization grants from 2009 CDBG funds and the application for the 2010 CDBG fund applied for senior citizen exercise equipment, installation of renewable energy sources at the Community Center from 2009 Bexar County EECBG monies, and moneys applied for from the TxDOT STEP grant program for Bandera Road. She asked Council to think about a name they may want for her to use in referring to the area that encompasses the library, Kinman House, community center, and the conference center. Ms. Word stated that in 2010 she is looking at grants for the Library Children's Wing, economic development, Brownfield Redevelopment, HOPE IV Mainstreet Program funds, USDA Small Business Improvements, community development, public safety, energy efficiency, environment, and transportation. She provided Council with a copy of a grant database that she is compiling that will allow her to plan for annual grant programs that will meet the City's goals.

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She stated that she will be asking Council in the future for guidance in prioritizing the types of activities they wish for her to target in identifying grant applications in the coming months.

City Manager's report.

City Manager Lambert reported that slurry seal bids were opened this date and prices were almost 20% lower than the last time the City went out for bids and that he expects that we will be able to do almost 5.65 miles of this project this year with the lower costs this year. Mr. Lambert also reported that TxDOT has agreed to put up a logo sign for Super 8 motel on Loop 410 in the next few weeks.

A. Monthly reports and financial report for the month of January 2010.

Mr. Lambert presented an overview of the revenue and expenditures for January 2010 as compared with January 2009 and for the fiscal year to date. He commented that although the sales tax is down, it is not as bad as the State is reporting they have had. He reported that he had met with the NISD Foundation's investment advisor and it was suggested that the City may wish to consider longer terms in CD's in the future. He stated that the City may wish to change its current investment policy to allow for other investment options.

B. Update on CPS Energy franchise fee and CIED Fund negotiations.

Mr. Lambert reported that the CPS Interim Director has started a CIED fund moneys task force to study the use and release of funds to suburban cities. He stated that a report from that task force is expected in April. He stated that the franchise fee negotiations alliance is chaired now by the Helotes Mayor and they are keeping us informed on discussions with CPS Energy.

C. Fire Department Open House - February 17, 2010 - 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The City Manager invited everyone the Fire Department's Open House to see the new 114-foot Bronto Aerial Platform Fire Truck and to see demonstrations by the staff. He informed Council that we are one of the only Fire Department's with an articulating hydraulic ladder in the San Antonio area. Chief Irwin announced that Mayor Riley had agreed to speak at 2:00 p.m..

D. Cable audit update.

Mr. Lambert reported that the company conducting the audit of the Time Warner cable fees has reported that Time Warner was not being very cooperative. Mr. Lambert stated that there were about 72 addresses not on our list but the auditor is still working to finish the study. He estimates that the auditor has found about \$15,000 worth of possible unpaid fees to the City, but that the audit did cost the City \$10,000.

Councilman Garcia asked about an audit of AT&T, Uverse or CPS or Grey Forest franchise fees and it was agreed to wait until after this audit is finished to consider pursuing others.

E. General Election - May 8, 2010 update.

City Secretary Feutz reminded everyone that applications for names to appear on the ballot for the May 8, 2010 General Election are being accepted until March 8, 2010. She reminded everyone of early voting and Election dates for the Primaries.

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Citizens to be heard.

No one appeared.

Announcements by Councilmembers and Mayor.

- A. Earthwise Living Day Event - Feb. 27, 2009**
- B. Next City Council Meeting - Monday, March 1, 2010**

Mayor Riley reminded everyone of the Council workshop on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Councilmember Nelson reminded everyone that Mayor Riley would be appearing on Great Day SA on February 24th at 8:00 a.m. to help publicize the Earthwise Living Day events. She also announced her upcoming 18th wedding anniversary February 22, 2010.

Adjourn.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Chris Riley

ATTEST:

City Secretary Marie Feutz

Approved by unanimous vote of City Council at the Regular City Council Meeting of March 1, 2010.